Senate U States

May 3d 1854.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your polite favor of the 17th ulto, advising me of my election, as an honorary member, of the "Young men's American Association".

The object of your Institution, I infer from its name, is the laudable one of improvement in all those purposes which can confer dignity on man. With such ends in view, you have my earnest wishes for your success and prosperity, collectively, and individually, and tendering my thanks for the honor conferred upon me, I remain

With much respect

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